

Mono Basin RPAC
Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center

Members present: Katie Bellomo, Steve Connett, Lisa Cutting, Alex Flores, Chris Lizza, Mark Logan, Ilene Mandelbaum, Bartshe Miller, and Chris Lizza. **Absent:** Lucy Parker, Zane Davis.

Public Attendees and Presenters: Tim Alpers, Ryan Boyer, Heather deBethizy, Drew Foster, Nate Greenberg, Garret Higerd, Jon Kazmierski, Duncan King, Ellen King, Paul McFarland, Deb Reardon, Danna Stroud, Sarah Tomsy, John Wentworth.

1. **Call to order:** 6:35 pm
2. **Public comment:** a) Garret Higerd (Mono County) – Lee Vining Streetscape Project is beginning today with the west side of Lee Vining first and then east of Hwy 395. The work will continue into August. The County is asking town residents and business owners to cooperate and be patient as the town will experience street closures and disruptions.
3. **Minutes: April 10, 2013.** Motion to approve – Mark Logan; second – Ilene Mandelbaum.
Approved unanimously.
4. **Supervisor's report:**
 - a. Tim Alpers – a) Mono County hired Leslie Chapman to be Finance Director. Hiring process for Mono County CAO is down to two applicants. B) Mono County Board approved a loan of \$25,000 (Rule 20 fund money) to Mammoth Lakes to do 1200 feet of electrical undergrounding in Mammoth. The project will be completed in 2015 and the loan will be repaid by 2021. The RPAC can still pursue a project for Lee Vining and have it on the books and ready to go.
5. **Chairman's report:** Bartshe Miller - No report.
6. **Member's reports:**
 - a. Katie Bellomo: The Mono Lake Cemetery subcommittee (Joe Blanchard, Vianey White, Katie Bellomo, Joe Bellomo, and Pam Alpers) reconvened and gave Vianey the historical context of the cemetery situation. May 15th is the next meeting and the group will review cemetery maps and try to identify unmarked graves.
 - b. Steve Connett: No report.
 - c. Lisa Cutting: No report.
 - d. Zane Davis: Absent.
 - e. Alex Flores: No report.
 - f. Chris Lizza: Tioga Pass scheduled to open this Saturday – thank you Caltrans, NPS, Yosemite Conservancy. Planning Commission meeting last month: approved transient overlay for Double Eagle Resort; Virginia Lakes transient overlay withdrawn; removed housing mitigation at a property at Paradise. Tomorrow a Mono County planning meeting in Bridgeport will include: trails planning; Bridgeport Streetscape project; housing mitigation workshop; and LED light use guidelines in the General Plan. Lee Vining Fire Department has only two officers currently. Need to recruit more commissioners.
 - g. Mark Logan: Retired from Caltrans and is now working at the Pumice Plant to help out.
 - h. Ilene Mandelbaum: There will be a Lee Vining Community Garden plant sale on May 10th and 11th.
 - i. Lucy Parker: Absent.

7. **Lee Vining Community Center Solar Project (Joe Blanchard, Public Works)** Mono County has received a grant to evaluate putting solar panels on Lee Vining Community Center and Crowley Lake Community Center. Before it is brought to the Board Joe wanted to check-in with the community to see if there were any concerns. The work would be done with County staff and the power would directly supply the electrical and hot water needed at the Community Center resulting in lower expenses. Panels will reflect sunlight and may be a visual problem. No public money will be spent on the project. RPAC members requested a photo simulation of what the project might look like and the group agreed to look at the exact panel location next month.
8. **Information items: (Planning)**
 - a. Report of development activities in the Mono Basin – Nothing.
 - b. Mono County Parking Ordinance is being updated and a draft will be presented at the next meeting.
 - c. Mono City Emergency Road update - BLM did not release a decision as expected. BLM reports that a decision will be made by mid-June. In the meantime, Mono County is not allowed to move the boulders that are blocking access to the dirt roads.
 - d. The Housing Mitigation Ordinance has been suspended for 18 months.
 - e. Planning Commission is currently reviewing LED lights and changeable message signs. The County is getting more and more applications and the Mono County General Plan does not provide clear guidance.
9. **Lee Vining Community Center subcommittee update (Bellomo, Cutting, Mandelbaum)** On April 18th there was a weeding party – thank you John and Mary Ann Denny and Pam Alpers! The next project will be the planting project during first week of June. We will be getting plants from Chalfant Nursery.
10. **Workshop: Mono –Yosemite Gateway Trail Project (Deb Reardon, NPS)** Deb Reardon from NPS and Heather led the Mono – Yosemite Trail Project workshop (see separate notes for details).
11. **Schedule next regular meeting:** Wednesday, June 12, 2013
12. **Adjourn:** Approximately 9:15 pm.